



HOUSE BILL 1151: Fayetteville Red Light Changes

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 1151 make changes to the law governing red light cameras in Fayetteville.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S810, as introduced by Sens. Meredith, Clark, which is currently in Senate Finance.]

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 160A-300.1, as amended by S.L. 2007-341, authorizes certain municipalities, including Fayetteville, to use traffic control photographic systems to enforce the State law prohibiting a driver from entering an intersection when a traffic light is emitting a steady red signal. G.S. 20-158.

The owner is notified of the violation and must pay the civil penalty of \$75.00 in the time specified in the citation. If the owner fails to pay the civil penalty or respond to the citation within 30 days after the citation is served or mailed, it is increased to \$100.00 and the right to contest the citation is forfeited. The municipality is required to establish a nonjudicial administrative hearing process to allow the citation and penalty to be contested.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1151 makes the following changes:

- Provides that Fayetteville may enter into a contract with a contractor for the lease, lease purchase, or purchase of a traffic control photographic system. Fayetteville may enter into only one contract, and the duration of the contract may be for no more than 60 months. After the period specified in the contract has expired, the system shall either be the property of the Fayetteville, or the system shall be removed and returned to the contractor.
- Authorizes the City of Fayetteville and the Cumberland County School Board to enter into an interlocal agreement to carry out the purposes of the Act. The agreement may include provisions on cost sharing and reimbursement that both parties freely and voluntarily agree to.
- Raises the penalty for a violation from \$75.00 to \$100.00 (effective July 1, 2015).

EFFECTIVE DATE: These act becomes effective July 1, 2014, except for the increase in the penalty, which becomes effective July 1, 2015.

